



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2023
MINUTES**

A meeting of the City Council ("Council") of the Village of The Hills ("the Village") was held in person and remotely. Mayor Wharton called the meeting to order, and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Council to wit:

Present:

Greg Wharton, Mayor
Hilda C. Potsavich, Mayor Pro Tem
Sarah Carroll, Councilmember

Rick Van Dalen, Councilmember, Treasurer
Jim Vick, Councilmember, Secretary
Amy Ovlen Wharton, Councilmember

thus, constituting a quorum.

Also Present:

Dean Huard, City Manager
Sonja De La Fuente, City Secretary
Tom Stiles, Hurst Creek MUD Board

Patty Akers, City Attorney
Luis Ozuna, Deputy Constable
Hayden Alvey, POA Board (via Zoom)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting was called to order at 5:14 P.M. The City Council convened to Executive Session at 5:14 P.M.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor and City Council may adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections §551.071 (Consultation with attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

- A. Consultation with City Attorney – Discuss Roles and Responsibilities of Mayor and City Council in a Class B General Law City.
- B. Consultation with City Attorney – Discuss Roles of Authority – City vs. County.
- C. Personnel Matters – Discuss Interlocal Agreement with Hurst Creek MUD.

The City Council adjourned Executive Session at 6:10 P.M. and reconvened open session at 6:11 P.M.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPOINTMENTS

A. Parks & Recreation Commissioners – Marylee Zurick

Councilmember Carroll moved to appoint Marylee Zurick to the Parks and Recreation Commission; Councilmember Vick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the May 9, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

B. Finance/Treasurer's Report for May 2023

Councilmember Vick recommended removing “to gas power” from the second paragraph under Item 9C.

Councilmember Van Dalen reported that the General Fund shows it is currently \$200,000 over in revenues, but it's actually only \$90,000. The total expenses are under budget. The Club is doing well. A brief discussion was held among the City Council regarding finances.

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of the consent agenda with recommended changes to the minutes; Councilmember Wharton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. REPORTS

A. Law Enforcement

Deputy Constable Ozuna reviewed the written report. He noted that he conducted 176 patrol hours in May. He shared that he has a new police unit, which is a 2022 Ford Explorer. He recommended warning residents to lock their vehicles, as there was a recent

theft from a vehicle. He also suggested reminding people to sign up with the Constable's office when out of town.

B. POA Liaison

Councilmember Vick reported that Brian Peters resigned from the POA Board and Joel Pafford has been appointed to the Board.

C. MUD Liaison

Councilmember Carroll reported that she attended the May Board Meeting. The Board approved a permanent easement to the City of Lakeway and appointed John Almond and Tom Stiles to the Interlocal Committee.

Councilmember Van Dalen reported that he attended the June MUD Board Meeting. They discussed redeeming bonds and paying off \$100,000 of debt. The MUD expects to pay the bonds off five years early. The Board hired the auditor for Fiscal Year. Things are calm regarding drainage and MS4. The MUD was able to increase water pressure to the fire hydrants to help distinguish the fire at 6 Club Estates. The minutes from the last meeting were approved and financials are in good shape.

D. Parks Liaison

Councilmember Carroll reported the next event is Mini Hills City Limits on June 25th. She shared the Park design proposal with the Commission. Elizabeth Tudor submitted her resignation.

E. YAC Liaison

Councilmember Wharton reported that SplashFest is scheduled for June 17th. Of the seven members, three will be out of town. However, they have 12 volunteers to help with the event. City Manager Huard recommended doing a refresh of the YAC by September.

F. City Manager's Report

City Manager Huard reported on the following items:

- Fencecrete will be here within two weeks to repair the fence on Lohmans Crossing.
- He is coordinating Coffee With the Constable with the Club.
- He is meeting with Gene Guerra this week at the Club.
- An investigation related to the recent bike issue which caused \$12,000 in damages to the turf areas at the park.
- In discussions with KSA Engineering regarding the Walking Trail extension over the dam.
- Trained on Voyent with the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Will advertise for signups.

- Lake Travis Fire and Rescue is on schedule for Stillmeadow, Waterfall, then Glenway greenbelt. Meeting June 13th to confirm schedule.
- Transportation Townhall at Lakeway City Hall on June 22nd – encouraged attendance.
- Recovery Scoping Meeting at Lakeway City Hall on June 27th related to FEMA.
- Will follow up on the Stillmeadow golf path progress.

G. Mayor's Report

None

9. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action to adopt an Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance 2020-004 reaffirming staggered, two-year terms of office for the Mayor and Council Members.

The Mayor advised that this item will be tabled until the July meeting.

B. Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action to adopt an Ordinance regulating outdoor burning in the Village of The Hills.

The Mayor and Council discussed the ordinance and Councilmember Vick recommended language to align with POA rules.

The Mayor will circulate a redlined version and bring back a revised ordinance for consideration at the next City Council meeting.

C. Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action regarding the Walking Trail extension.

The City Manager advised that he will request information from the Engineer and bring back to the next meeting. There is currently \$235,000 in the Walking Trail fund for the project.

D. Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action regarding the Parks Preliminary Master Plan.

Councilmember Carroll provided the report for this item. She recommended Council review the plan.

E. Discuss regulations pertaining to conduct in Parks and Recreation areas.

The Mayor provided the report for this item and the Council reviewed the sample ordinance. Councilmember Carroll expressed concern with implementing an ordinance

and suggested posting rules. Councilmember Wharton recommended an ordinance prohibiting motorized vehicles and park rules for other things.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

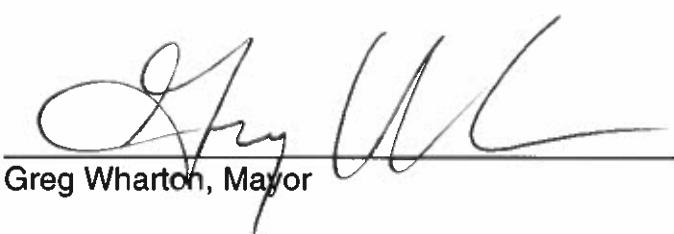
A. New business items to be included on the next agenda.

- o Staggered Terms Ordinance
- o Burn Ban Ordinance
- o Parks Ordinance

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Vick moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 P.M.; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Signed this 10th day of July 2023.



Greg Wharton, Mayor

(Seal)



ATTEST:



Sonja De La Fuente, City Secretary